

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are presently pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Holberg et al. in view of Glenn et al.

Claims 1, 4, and 5, have been amended to further define the configuration of the wiring pattern 13 and the disposition of the lens 20 above the light-transmissible board 10.

For the following reasons the prior art rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Applicants respectfully submit that neither Holberg et al. nor Glenn et al. teaches or suggests an image pickup device wherein the wiring pattern formed on the light-transmissible board is configured to match an electrode arrangement of the image pickup element and a terminal arrangement of a connector, as recited in amended Claims 1, 4, and 5.

Rather, Holberg et al., disclose a light transmissible board (PC board 101) having a wiring pattern (PC board traces 302) formed in regularly spaced rectangular pads, but fails to disclose a wiring pattern configured to match an electrode arrangement of the image pickup element 201 and a terminal arrangement of a connector.

In contrast, wiring pattern 13 of the present invention, is configured to match an electrode arrangement of the image pickup element 11 and a terminal arrangement of the connector 4.

Further, neither Holberg et al. nor Glenn et al. teaches or suggests an image pickup device including a lens holder unit comprising a lens which is mounted above the other surface of the light-

mounted above it, without benefit of a lens holder unit.

However, in the present invention, the light-transmissible board 101 includes a lens holder unit 18, 19 which holds a lens 20 above the board 10 and above the photodetecting portion 15.

Accordingly, Claims 1, 4, and 5, are not obvious over either the individual or the combination of the Holberg et al. and Glenn et al. references, and the rejection of Claims 1, 4, and 5 under 35 USC §103 should be withdrawn.

Further, since Claims 2 and 3 depend from Claim 1, they are also patentably distinguishable over either the individual or the combination of the Holberg et al. and the Glenn et al. references for the reasons cited above with respect to Claims 1, 4, and 5.

If the Examiner believes that there is any issue which could be resolved by a telephone or personal interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such an extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-3140.

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